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 controller,  
 a cable including an electric wire connected to blood pump, and  
an outer tube which accommodates the inner tube and the cable.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are presently in this application for consideration. The amendments are made to place the present application in better form and in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added. Entry and consideration of these amendments prior to the first Office Action are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Version with markings to show changes made:**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

10. (Once Amended) An artificial internal organ system, including a tube unit [according to any of Claims 1-9] used for connecting internal equipment and external equipment, the tube unit comprises:

an inner tube which lets liquid flow between the internal equipment and the external equipment;

a cable including an electric wire connected to the internal equipment; and  
an outer tube which accommodates the inner tube and the cable.

20. (Once Amended) A blood pump system, comprising:

a blood pump;

a controller for controlling the blood pump; and

a tube unit [according to any of Claims 11-19] used for connecting a blood pump and a controller the blood pump.

the tube unit comprises:

an inner tube for circulating a liquid between the blood pump and the controller,

a cable including an electric wire connected to blood pump, and  
an outer tube which accommodates the inner tube and the cable.